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SUBJECT: Change to the DODFMR, Volume 7A, Regarding -
Aviator Retention Bonus Extension and Eligibility,
(DFAS Item H-35)

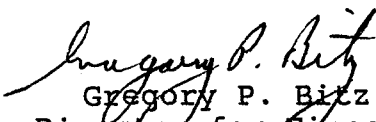
Attached is DFAS Interim Change 43-98 to Chapter 20 of the DoDFMR, Volume 7A. It was effective October 17, 1998.

The purpose of this change is to extend the effective period for eligibility to Aviator Retention Bonus and to revise the eligibility criteria as a result of the FY 1999 National Defense Authorization Act. Additionally this change incorporates definitions for specific terms used in the chapter.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft proposal of this change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7A. The attached final version of the change incorporates your comments where appropriate.

Assignment of an interim change number is your authority to start a procedural modification to facilitate this change. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR and the interim change message.

My point of contact, Mr. Gary McGee, may be contacted at DSN 332-5280 or at (703) 602-5280.


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Attachment:
As stated

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AVIATOR RETENTION BONUS EXTENSION AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Revise section 2001 in the second sentence by changing the ending date to 31 December 1999.

2. Revise section 2002 as follows:

a. Identify the section prologue as paragraph 200201.

b. Redesignate paragraphs 200201 through 200206 as subparagraphs 200201A through 200201F.

3. Replace the words "active duty" with the words "aviation service" in former paragraph 200204 which is now designated subparagraph 200201D.

4. Insert a new paragraph 200202 to read as follows:

Definitions of select terms used in this chapter are as follows:

A. Aviation service. Aviation service is service performed by an officer (except a flight surgeon or other medical officer) while holding an aeronautical rating or designation or while in training to receive an aeronautical rating or designation.

B. Aviation specialty. An aviation specialty is a specific community of pilots identified by type of aircraft or weapon system or a specific community of otherwise designated aeronautical officers.

C. Critical aviation specialty. A critical aviation specialty is an aviation specialty in which there exists a shortage of officers on the date of designation.

D. Operational flying duty. Operational flying duty is flying performed under competent orders by rated or designated members while serving in assignments in which basic flying skills normally are maintained in the performance of assigned duties as determined by the Secretary concerned, and flying performed by members in training that leads to the award on an aeronautical rating or designation.

5. Revise the Bibliography as follows:

a. Under section 2001 replace the existing Public Law citations with Public Law 105-261, Section 613(a), 17 Oct 1998.

b. Under section 2002 add the citation: Public Law 105-261, Section 615(c)(2), 17 Oct 1998.

c. Under section 2002 add the entry 200202 with the citation: 37 U.S.C. 301b(j).